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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Geraldine V. Letscher

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5-2-05.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. JP 2000-321727.

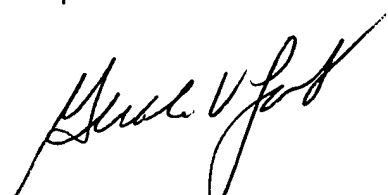
JP 2000-321727 discloses a silver halide color photographic material comprising on a support a red-sensitive layer, a green-sensitive layer and a blue-sensitive layer, wherein after subjected to color processing, the photographic material satisfies claimed equation (1) with respect to Crm values; the red-sensitive layer, the green-sensitive layer and the blue-sensitive layer each satisfy the claimed equations (2) and (3) with respect to gradients for under-exposure, correct exposure, and over-exposure. JP 2000-321727 also discloses a silver halide color photographic material comprising on a support a red-sensitive layer, a green-sensitive layer and a blue-sensitive layer, wherein after subjected to color processing, the photographic material satisfies claimed equation (4) with respect to Crm values; the red-sensitive layer, the green-sensitive layer and the blue-sensitive layer each satisfy the claimed equation (2) with respect to gradients for under-exposure, correct exposure, and over-exposure.

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3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by any one of Japanese Patent No. JP 2002-268162, Japanese Patent No. JP 2002-287283, or Japanese Patent No. JP 2002-311539.

Each of JP 2002-268162, JP 2002-287283, and JP 2002-311539 discloses a silver halide color photographic material comprising on a support a red-sensitive layer, a green-sensitive layer and a blue-sensitive layer, wherein after subjected to color processing, the photographic material satisfies claimed equation (1) with respect to Crm values; the red-sensitive layer, the green-sensitive layer and the blue-sensitive layer each satisfy the claimed equations (2) and (3) with respect to gradients for under-exposure, correct exposure, and over-exposure. Each of JP 2002-268162, JP 2002-287283, and JP 2002-311539 also discloses a silver halide color photographic material comprising on a support a red-sensitive layer, a green-sensitive layer and a blue-sensitive layer, wherein after subjected to color processing, the photographic material satisfies claimed equation (4) with respect to Crm values; the red-sensitive layer, the green-sensitive layer and the blue-sensitive layer each satisfy the claimed equation (2) with respect to gradients for under-exposure, correct exposure, and over-exposure.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geraldine V. Letscher whose telephone number is (571) 272-1334. The examiner can normally be reached 8:00am to 4:30pm.



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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached on (571) 272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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